Utah Salt Lake City Mission Newsletter



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"...know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind: for the Lord searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts: if thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever." 1 Chr. 28:9



President's Message



It is hard to believe that this is the last time we will write a page for the Voice of the Vineyard. Three years has flown by on "wings of lightning." We look back with much fondness on times of trial and challenge, times of laughter and tears, joy and sadness but always full of love and learning. We will truly miss our close association with each of you.

You have become a part of our lives which is hard to explain unless you have been through the process. We have come to love each of you as our own. We admire you for your

tremendous testimonies of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Your hard work and obedience will always be a part of our testimonies. Your lives as a group have been like a type and a shadow to us. We love and admire you is the gospel. more than you can now know.

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As this wonderful earth of ours prepares for the coming of our Lord, we are humbled to be a part of the process.

President Ezra Taft Benson said, "We are commanded to get the gospel to all the world. Only the gospel will save the world from its own self destruction." Missionaries are at the forefront of this effort. You can take some righteous pride in the work you are doing to bless the lives of so many. I truly believe the words of Harold B. Lee when he said, "Within the teachings of the Gospel of Jesus Christ are to be found the solutions to every problem that affects mankind." We know this to be true as we have seen it bless so many lives over these last years.

The question asked in the Christian world is, "what is the ospel of Jesus Christ?" We hear cries of the answer to this estion from all sides, from the Evangelicals to the Catholics and back again. Our answer to the world is simple, it is

the Atonement of our Savior Jesus Christ. The Atonement is not part of the gospel, it is the gospel. "And this is the gospel, the glad tidings, which the voice out of the heavens bore record unto us-That he came into the world, even Jesus, to be crucified for the world, and to bear the sins of the world, and to sanctify the world, and to cleanse it from all unrighteousness; That through him all might be saved whom the Father had put into his power and made by him" D & C 76:40-42. Or as the apostle Paul put it, "... I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you...by which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and

that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures."1 Cor. 15: 1-4.

The Savior himself declared his gospel as follows, "Behold I have given unto you my gospel, and this is the gospel which I have given unto you-that I came into the world to do the will of my Father, because my Father sent me. And my Father sent me that I might be lifted up upon the cross, and after that I had been lifted up upon the cross, that I might draw all men unto me...." 3 Nephi 27:13-14

The next and last question is how do we lay hold of the blessings of the Atonement or the gospel of Jesus Christ. "And this is my gospel—repentance and baptism by water, and then cometh the baptism of fire and the Holy Ghost, even the Comforter, which showeth all things and teacheth the peaceable things of the kingdom." D & C 39:6 Ultimately what is baptism? It symbolizes death, burial and resurrection. What are the next steps, Priesthood, then

Temple and sealings over the altars of the temple, once again symbolizing the at-one-ment with Christ.

We are honored to be a part of this great message and gospel and greatly honored to have been associated with each of

you in this work for which the world was created and peopled. With much love, President Moeller



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Robert L. Millet **Devotional**

What right do you have to get into heaven? I can't get myself into the Celestial Kingdom, but I know who can. Through my faith, I claim the right.



Baptisms:

	Apr
Granite	08
Helaman	15
Magna	15
Moroni	
Olympus	08
Pioneer	
Temple	17
Tooele	09
West Valley	12
Wyoming	

Mission Totals:

March 131 April 106

Happy Birthday

28 May	Sister Enkhchimeg	11 Jun	Elder W. Thompson
29 May	Sister Allred	16 Jun	Elder Pucheta
29 May	Elder Honick	17 Jun	Elder Probst
30 May		20 Jun	Elder Browning
30 May	Elder Payne	22 Jun	Elder Altuzarra
31 May	Elder Baxter*	23 Jun	Elder Chalk
01 Jun	Elder Chiu	23 Jun	Elder Talapa
02 Jun	Elder Bright	25 Jun	Elder Clark
02 Jun	Elder Powell	29 Jun	Elder Zahrabelny
02 Jun	Elder Sanchez	30 Jun	Sister Fulk
02 Jun	Elder Schmoldt	04 Jul	Sister Rein
03 Jun	Elder Tobin	05 Jul	Elder Fritzler
06 Jun	Elder Visser	06 Jul	Elder Flower
10 Jun	Elder Mohetau	06 Jul	Elder Ramsey

*Senior Missionary

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Skilled Teacher **Certified Teacher Elder Gardner Elder Gardner** Elder Schmoldt **Elder Wilkinson Elder Wilkinson** Sister Hernandez **Elder Thornton** Sister Quiros Elder Fritzler Sister Quiros

ASSISTANTS TO THE PRESIDENT

"Behold, I will send for many fishers, saith the LORD, and they shall fish them..." (Jer. 16:16) "And he saith unto [you Elders and Sisters], Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." (Matt. 4:19) Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain "And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal..." (John 4:36) "For thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I, even I, will both search my sheep, and seek them out." (Ezek. 34:11)

Jesus saith to [the Elders and Sisters of the Utah Salt Lake City Mission, the best mission of The Church], "lovest thou me more than these? They saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that we love thee. He saith unto [Them], feed my lambs." (John 21:15) Preach unto [them] the preaching that I bid thee (Jonah 3:2), preach not ourselves but Christ Jesus the Lord (2 Cor. 4:5), preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. (Mark 1:4) "For many times you have desired of me to know that which would be of the most worth unto you. And now, behold, I say unto you, that the thing which will be of the most worth unto you will be to declare repentance unto this people, that you may bring souls unto me." (D & C 16:4,6) Remember the worth of souls is great in the sight of God. How great will be your joy if you should bring many souls unto me! (D & C 18:16)

The Savior has declared who we are, our responsibility and the importance of our message. Let us carry it forth the way he would have us do. The results of our efforts go farther than we can comprehend. As we continue to trust in whom we have trusted, we will become useful instruments in his hands.

Love. Elder Probst Elder Orr

Welcome New Missionaries!

INCOMING MAY 23, 2007

*Spanish



Elder Alaiva'a Apia Samoa



Elder Brannum Hurricane, West Virginia



Elder Clements Richland, Washington



Elder Johnson Harborcreek, Pennsylvania



Elder Miller Corona, California



Elder Ramos San Jose Das Campos Brazil



Elder Mercado* Santa Cruz, Bolivia



Elder Ovard Fredricksburg, Virginia



Elder Robbins Winfield, Alabama



Elder Johnson Salt Lake City, Utah

Departing Missionaries



Elder William U. Tuikolovatu P.O. Box 614, Va'epopua Nuku'alofa, Tongatapu TONGA (676) 25-328 tuikolovatuw@gmail.com "For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea,

woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel! For if I do this thing willingly, I have a reward: But

if against my will, a dispensation of the gospel is committed unto me." 1 Cor 9:16-17.

Unless God's ministers labor diligently, they are under condemnation. Those among them who serve God with all their "heart, might, mind and strength," shall "stand blameless" before him "at the last day." (D&C 4:2) Those who are "slothful shall not be counted worthy to stand" in His glorious presence and shall fail to gain the reward they offered to others through their preaching. (D&C 100:99-100) Willing service is required. "He that is compelled in all things, the same is a slothful and not a wise servant; wherefore he receiveth no reward." (D&C58:26)

What a life-changing experience. My testimony has grown so tremendously. I no longer believe but I know with all my heart that God lives. Jesus is the Christ. He is our Savior and Redeemer. Joseph was his humble servant. The Book of Mormon is an evidence for this glorious truth. To my parents in the gospel, President and Sister Moeller, thank you for your service and your stewardship. To all of you, my fellowservants, I have learned a great deal from all of you. Aim high and never give up. Fijian Boy, grow up and be a real Tongan. Nofo á ka tau toki fetaulaki he kaha'u vave mai. 'Ofa atu, Elder Tuikolovatu

Departing Missionaries Continued...



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Elders and Sisters, what a joy it has been to labor among you in the Lord's Vineyard. I know how much the people here need us to be diligently seeking them out and bringing them this unique message to all the world. We have indeed been blessed to become instruments in the Lord's hands (Alma 26:2-3). I am eternally grateful for the past 18 months that I've been able to serve our Heav-

enly Father. It is here that I have learned so much and have been able to, for the first time, truly comprehend the truthfulness of the Plan of Salvation and the comfort it gives. It has become an anchor for me...without it I'd be lost. I know all of this is only possible through our Savior and Redeemer, Jesus Christ. He lives and guides us.

This church IS true; Joseph Smith was the prophet called by the Lord to restore the church to the Earth and I know that I will forever be grateful for that prayer in the sacred grove that truly changed the world. Thank you Elders and Sisters for coming here and allowing me the opportunity to work with you side by side to bring the gospel to the people here in the Best Mission in the world: Salt Lake City. I love you all so much and will miss you, but I know that you all have a great work to do—continue to do it faithfully!

Love, Sister Betty Jo Solomon

The years have gone by too quickly it seems. It feels like it was just the other day that I was getting off that bus having no idea what the mission

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field would be like. These two years have been some of the hardest times but the most rewarding. It makes it all worth it when you see the glow from your investigators' faces as they are baptized. I know that nothing makes our Father in Heaven happier than our serving a mission at this time in our lives. I have never been as happy as I am now as a missionary. I have learned and experienced so much. My young looks might not have changed too much, but my testimony has. I love this Mission; I will treasure it forever. These two short years go by too fast. The only advice I can give is to leave the world behind and give it your all. To all my companions, I love you and will miss the days we were together. And for those I have been privileged to serve around, thank you for your great examples and love that you showed to me. I love this Gospel and the happiness it brings to all that believe. This is Christ's Church, and we are a part of it. Joseph Smith saw God the Father and His Son, Jesus Christ. He was called to be a prophet, and Gordon B. Hinckley is the prophet today. We have the Plan of Salvation, the knowledge that we have a purpose in life and we will live again. That alone brings me the greatest joy. Take care, my friends; I have endured to the end even through all the Wizard of Oz jokes. It won't be too long before they won't work. Love, Elder Sawyer

Greetings and Salutations unto my dear Brothers & Sisters, the time to bid thee farewell is at hand. I have loved my mission. To have walked darkened streets and holy places; talked with evil doers and the Lord's anointed and become acquainted with both devils and angels has been my great privilege. All these things have given me

been my great privilege. All these things have experience and have been for my good, and hopefully for the good of others. I am grateful to have met those whom I have become acquainted with and call friends. I shall miss you, but will see you again someday. Remember Eph. 6:12-13. God lives! Jesus is the Christ, the Savior of worlds and our personal Re-



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deemer! Joseph Smith was a prophet, Gordon B. Hinckley is our prophet today. This church is true, the Book of Mormon is God's word. I so write in the name of Jesus Christ, AMEN! Brethren, adieu, Elder Taylor

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Serving a mission is the best decision that I have ever made. It was a huge act of faith for me: before the mission. I could not picture myself being

able to do the work. But, I knew that this is what my Heavenly Father wanted for me, and that the Lord would prepare the way for me as I did my part. Because of my decision to serve a mission, the Lord has blessed me in

ways that I would have never imagined. It has been such a blessing to participate in the Lord's work and to witness the mighty change of heart in many people. Elders and Sisters, the time that you spend on your mission is very sacred. I can promise you that as you give your all to the Lord, He will make it well worth your time. The times when I have been able to just work my heart out, especially when there were many obstacles, are the times when the Lord has blessed me the most. I can tell you first hand that there is no feeling more satisfying than knowing that you have given your best to the Lord. I exhort you all to strive to have those Christ-like attributes at all times, so that the Spirit of the Lord can direct you in all that you do (Moroni 7:43-47); this is your time to shine. May your actions show what it truly means to be a representative of Jesus Christ.

I know that we can overcome anything as we put out trust in the Lord, for he has felt my pains and afflictions and has helped me to overcome them many times (Alma 7:11-13). I know that God answers prayers, because He has used me as an instrument in His hands to answer the prayers of others. He has also answered my prayers by giving me the guidance and skills that I need to do His work, which I know that I would not have been able to do alone. We have the fullness of the gospel, and it was restored through a living prophet. I know that God lives, and that He loves us more than we know. It is my prayer that we will all live in a manner that we may be a window to His love. Love, Elder Daniel Cook

"I know that which the Lord hath commanded Sister Lisa Steinmetz me, and I glory in it...and this is my glory, that perhaps I may be an instrument in the hands of God to St. Cloud, FL 34769 bring some soul to repentance; and this is my joy." (Alma 29:9)

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Man, these 18 months have flown by. During this time you have your highest of highs and lowest of lows, but it is worth it. Serving the Lord has brought me the greatest joy. It's been a great privilege and honor to serve the Lord, to get up every morning and put on a tag that so closely associates my name with my Savior, Jesus Christ. I love this gospel with all my heart. Jesus is the Christ, He lives. Joseph Smith was a prophet of God, called to bring the world out of darkness and into light. The Book of

Mormon is a powerful witness of Jesus Christ; it truly is the word of God. We are engaged in the greatest work on the earth, with the greatest commander. Hold your head high. Elders and Sisters, it's been a great blessing to have served among you. Keep up the great work! My thoughts and prayers are with you always. I love you all! Sister Steinmetz

To serve the Lord is a wonderful thing. For it is some souls to Him we bring. We help our lost brothers and sisters see Through the gospel just what they can be. Our Heavenly Father reigns up above And as His children we feel of His love. Jesus Christ, our Savior, Lord and King, Our praises to Him shall we always sing. Called from on high, Joseph's a prophet, so true Who brought forth the priesthood and book of blue. That we may know how to return up above With those we've taught and those we love. Shall we not go on in so great a cause?

Go forward brethren, don't even pause.

Work until you are tired, then a bit more.

That up in heaven your sheaves you may store.

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Adieu, Elder Marker

Oh! Wow! It's time to say goodbye? That's crazy! I'm so grateful to have had this opportunity AP 0834-00071 011-(507)275-0263 to serve as a missionary. As I preached the gospel,

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I felt like Nephi: "Wherefore, I, Nephi, did exhort them to give heed unto the word of the Lord; yea, I

did exhort them with all the energies of my soul, and with all the faculty which I possessed, that they would give heed to the word of God and remember to keep his commandments always in all things." (1 Nephi 15:25) I love to help my friends (investigators) understand the Atonement of Jesus Christ and know the things that He did for us. I know that Jesus Christ is my Savior, Joseph Smith was one of His prophets here on the earth. The Book of Mormon helps me to be a better person because it is the word of God. Thank you to President Moeller; you're an amazing mission president. Hermana Vaka my "B" friend, Hermana Morin my 1st baby, Hermana Diaz my 2nd baby, Hermana Burkhart, my niece. I love you all; thank you for your help! I will see you in the Celestial Kingdom, I hope! Helaman & Moroni Zones, you are the best! Bye!

Love, Sister Quiros

Elders & Sisters, What Elder Jeremy B. John joy it has been serving 7722 111th Ave. N. among you. As we learn in Ecclesiastes 3: "To every thing there is a season, and

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a time to every purpose under heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die..." My time to go has come & the taste is bitter sweet. This time and service

has been the greatest joy of my life. You, my fellow missionaries are at the heart of that joy. I love you...with all my heart. Remembering the love that we have together shown to the Lord in word and deed. Also from John: "We love him, because he first loved us." Remember the Savior's council "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you and pray for them who despitefully use you and persecute you; that ye may be the children of your Father who is in heaven; for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good." As Paul directed Timothy: "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Remember that the responsibility for obtaining the Lord's direction in carrying out your assignment and blessing the people in your area falls on you. The Lord has entrusted this responsibility to you. Do your very best to fulfill it with all of your heart, might, mind and strength. Take care in all things.

Your friend, Elder John

My time serving the Lord as His full-time servant has meant everything to me. I am so grateful that my Heavenly Father allowed me to come and serve in the Utah Salt Lake City Mission. I have really come to know of the power of the work in which we are involved. This is the work of the Lord. I have seen the lives of the people I have taught change right before my eyes, but probably the most miraculous thing I have seen is my own life change. My mission has shaped and molded me into a better person. I am grateful for the friends I have made here and the missionaries I was able to serve with in this great work. I am grateful for the guidance of President and Sister Moeller. I know that God lives and that this is His church.

Elder Damon Carter

The gospel was restored through the prophet Joseph, and today we are led by a living prophet. I love you all and pray for your success.

God be with you all 'til we meet again.

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